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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yukio KIMURA et al

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For : APPARATUS FOR SURFACE  
TREATMENT OF METALLIC SHEET,  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING METALLIC  
SHEET, AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING METALLIC SHEET

Art Unit : 3725

Examiner : Debra M. Wolfe

**A M E N D M E N T**

Commissioner for Patents  
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, the term for response to which is extended by two months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on May 28, 2007.

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 5. Claims 1-9 are amended, and claims 10-20 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 14.

This paper is being submitted  
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